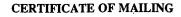
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Sir:

Amendment

Responsive to the Office Action mailed April 13, 1999, applicant hereby traverses the grounds of rejection and requests reconsideration in light of the following amendments and remarks.

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel Claim 6.

Please amend the claims as follows:

1. (Twice Amended) A method for stimulating <u>systemic</u> host defense mechanisms in a mammal, which method comprises administering to the mammal a therapeutically effective amount of an interferon via oromucosal contact, said amount being from about [21.4] <u>71.4</u> IU/kg to about 2.9 x 10^4 IU/kg, where said amount is less than an amount which induces a pathological response in the mammal when administered parenterally.

In Claim 2, line 1; replace "treating an" with --treating a systemic--.

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